

## JESUS FOR SALE IN BAKERSFIELD

Crockery and  
ceramics are on that back shelf  
the clerk told me  
Trying to replace  
my broken teapot lid at  
Goodwill Thrift Shop  
there on the middle shelf  
I saw the Infant Jesus  
lying in a plastic manger ready  
to be sold to the first buyer  
no price marked on his painted  
swaddling clothes  
I asked a black woman of my  
age  
How much would you say this  
place is selling Jesus for  
She looked at the Infant  
answered with awe in her voice  
Lond, I wouldn't put no price on him  
myself  
the world already done that  
long ago  
thirty pieces of silver  
and she moved on to the rack  
that held the frilly negligees